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HAWAIIAN GAZETTE

Late Foreign News.
The richest planter in Mississippi is said
to be a colored man named Montgomery,
formerly a slave of Jeff Davis.

The grangers of Missouri are following
those of Iowa in establishing manufac-
tories for agricultural implements.

Last year the wool produced in the
United States amounted to 174,700,000
pounds, which was an increase of fourteen
million pounds over 1872.

Two thousand dollars is a pretty high
price to pay for a single rooster. That is
what Mr. Davis, of Portland, has just
given to Ira Batchelder for a Black Span-
ish cock—considered the best game bird
in the country.

A significant feature of the town elec-
tions just held in Massachusetts has been
the choice of women to serve on school
committees. Many towns in the western
and central portions of the State have
taken this way to express their approval
of the question which has been so stub-
bornly resisted in Boston.

Mrs. Mary Clark Gaines, the litigious,
looks scarcely more than 40, though she
is nearly 70; and wears a jaunty little
hat, with a white or blue jessamine curl-
ling round its crown, at evening parties,
and looks like a pretty picture, just step-
ping from its frame in some choice gallery
of portraits.

"There can be little doubt," says the
Pall Mall Gazette, "that by far the great-
er part of the mischief done in the world
is done by silly people, and that silliness
is, as a rule, quite as, if not more, dan-
gerous to the community than wicked-
ness, inasmuch as the unreasoning enjoy
an immunity from punishment for their
offences, which is not extended to the
unprincipled."

Charcoal is a valuable internal palliative
in dyspepsia, and in many of the disorders
affecting the stomach and bowels. Taken
in doses of a tablespoonful night and
morning, it is an almost unfailing cor-
rective of costive habit. Mixed with soft-
ening poultices, it is cleansing, soothing,
and healing to foul sores. An occasional dose
of the powder produces a favorable im-
provement in sallow or tawny com-
plexions.

The ballot system, just employed for
the first time in England at a general
election, has given much satisfaction; not,
perhaps, to politicians as a class, certainly
not to defeated candidates, but to large
numbers of persons who are glad to find
elections taking place quietly and without
the least interruption to business.

A San Francisco paper tells of a rose
bush at Santa Rosa of the La Marque
variety, which was planted in 1858, and
presents now an immense bouquet of
white roses, twenty-five feet high, twenty-
two feet across, beautifully rounded, with
a blossoming surface of four hundred
square feet, with four thousand full-blown
roses and twenty thousand buds.

The French town of Issoudun boasts of
the most wonderful *bus nature* of the
age. It is a young girl, fourteen years
old, whose body, from the waist down-
ward, is double, and presents two parts
acting independently of each other. The
two legs she uses for walking belong each
to a different trunk, whilst a third one
is quite insensible to pain. She enjoys good
health.

The decision of the City Solicitor of
Boston that the women recently elected
members of the School Committee cannot
serve, is not favorably received in that
city. The *Boston Journal* says the con-
stitution says nothing upon the subject,
and shows that the general statutes fully
warrant the women in taking the posi-
tions. It says the movement giving the
women the places was demanded by the
public welfare, and adds: "The women
elected to the School Board will take their
places and enter upon their official duties.
Then, if anybody wishes to raise the
question of the legality of their election,
he can do it; but we predict that he will
only meet the inevitable fate of those who
have undertaken to interfere where ob-
solete custom to the irresistible demands of
justice and the public utility."

Statistics presented to the French Acad-
emy show that the marriages of blood
relations form about two per cent. of all
the marriages in France, and that the
deaf and dumb offspring, at birth, of con-
sanguineous marriages are, in proportion
to the deaf and dumb born in ordinary
wedlock—at Lyons fall 25 per cent., at
least 25 per cent. in Paris and 30 per cent.
in Bordeaux—the proportions of the deaf
and dumb by birth increasing with the
degree of blood relationship. The data
obtained show that if the danger of hav-
ing a deaf and dumb child in ordinary
marriage, represented by figures, is one,
there will be 18 in marriages between
first cousins, 37 in marriages between un-
cles and nieces, and 70 in marriages be-
tween nephews and aunts. It appears,
too, that the most healthy parents, if re-
lated in blood, may have deaf and dumb
children; while deaf and dumb parents,
if not related, very rarely have deaf and
dumb children.

Something New.—"Quick transit" is
the problem that vexes the city of New
York. All means proposed fail in prac-
tice. The last one is the most astounding
one of all. It is for a moving sidewalk,
to be propelled like an endless chain, by
stationary engines, placed at the distance
of a mile or half a mile apart. As the
sidewalk on one side of the street moves
in one direction, that on the other side
moves in the opposite direction. The

rate of speed suggested varies from 8 to
10 and as high as 15 miles an hour. And
this plan is now being seriously discussed
in the Albany Legislature, on a motion
to grant a charter to a Movable Side-
walk Company, to operate on certain
thoroughfares in New York city. The
working model is said to be the most con-
vincing as to the practicability of the
scheme. Speer is the inventor, and the
invention is named "Speer's Traveling
Sidewalk."—*Soc. Union.*

Supreme Court of the Hawaiian Islands.

*Manjoro, Sakakura, Tokakura, Takajiro, Yama-
guchi, Komakichika, Matsugo and Yuki, li-
bellants, vs. J. C. Davis, respondent and ap-
pellant.*

Libel in admiralty on appeal from Jus-
tice Hartwell.

Appeal to Supreme Court in admiralty,
ALLEN, C. J., HARRIS and JUDG, J. J. Mr.
Justice Judd delivered the opinion of the
Court.

The Japanese crew of the Hawaiian
schooner South Sea filed a libel against J.
C. Davis, master and owner of said vessel,
claiming, in addition to their wages, pas-
sage money from Honolulu to Yokohama,
Japan; and introduced evidence to show
that the voyage of said vessel was from
Japan to the South Sea Islands and return
to Japan.

The respondent introduces the shipping
articles of which there are two. The first
one, dated January 23d, 1873, signed by
all the libellants except Manjoro, describes
the voyage as from "Kauaiawa, Japan,
to Honolulu via Marianas Islands," and
bears the certificate of E. M. Van Reed,
H. H. M.'s Consul General for Japan, to
the effect that the said articles were made
out and signed in this Consulate, that
they were read and explained by him to
the parties whose names are subscribed
thereto, comprising the crew of the said ves-
sel, and that each of them personally ac-
knowledgeed that he fully understood the
same and had signed his name, of his own
free will and accord, and the certificate is
impressed with the seal of the consulate.

The libellant Manjoro is shipped on sepa-
rate articles dated February 1st, 1873, for
a voyage "from Kanagawa, Japan, to
South Sea Islands and return unless sooner
discharged not to exceed six calendar
months."

These second articles bear a certificate
to the same purport as the first except
that it is signed by C. A. Shepherd, United
States Consul and acting His Hawaiian
Majesty's Consul General for Japan, and
impressed, very properly, with the
seal of the United States Consulate. The
respondent in his answer expresses his
willingness to pay the crew their wages,
and to provide for Manjoro a passage
back to Japan.

E. Preston and R. H. Stanley, proctors
for libellants:—The decree of \$45 passage
money back to Japan for each libellant
must be affirmed, because it appears from
the evidence that the libellants were in-
deed to sign under the representation that
they were to be returned to Japan. The
two shipping articles are inconsistent
with each other. The entries in the log
book show that the voyage was intended
to be as claimed by libellants. Shipping
articles as to destination may be rebutted
by parol.

W. C. Jones, proctor for respondent:—
Shipping articles are conclusive as to
destination and wages. Manjoro's con-
tract to be returned to Japan does not
control the contract of the other seamen.
The log shows the destination was to
Honolulu after the intermediate trading
voyage in the South Seas was concluded.

Per Curiam. Although in admiralty
seamen are allowed to join in a libel for
wages, yet their's is not a joint contract,
though all may have signed the same
shipping articles; each contract may be
considered separately though in the same
proceedings; for the shipping articles con-
stitute a several contract with each sea-
man. *Oliver et al. vs. Alexander et al.*, 6
Peters, 143.

Viewing, therefore, the contract be-
tween the master and Manjoro made on
the 1st of February, which was for a voy-
age from Japan to the South Sea Islands
and return, as a separate and distinct en-
gagement to return him to Japan, it is not
inconsistent with the master's contract
with the seven Japanese engaged on the
23d of January; for their voyage was to
Honolulu via the Marianas Islands, which
from Japan might properly be called
South Sea Islands. The contract with
them contained no engagement to return
to Japan—and their voyage was consis-
tent with Manjoro's voyage—being the
same so far as it went, but Manjoro's was
to continue farther, that is, back to Japan.

Having thus far considered the two
shipping articles as they appear on their
face, and which we regard as *prima facie*
evidence of the voyage intended, let us
see if the libellants have rebutted their
apparent intent.

The log books are introduced, which
begin the voyage with an entry "Voyage
from Yokohama to the South Sea Islands."
It does not say "to Honolulu," which an
uninformed navigator may have consid-
ered as one of the South Sea Islands—but
also it does not say "back to Japan."
On examining both log books we find it
the custom of both the captain and the
mate to write at the top of each page the
particular intermediate passage which the
vessel was then pursuing, as for example,
"Guam to Tinian," "Tinian to Bonin
Islands," and "Bonin Islands to Honolu-
lu." On the 20th of July, 1873, the ves-
sel left the Bonin Islands, and on the 21st
the mate Payne resumed his charge of the
log and made the page for that day "Bo-
nin Islands to Honolulu," and this heading
is continued every day until the vessel
reaches this port. The men came aft on
the 23d of July and demanded to know
why the vessel was heading so much to
the eastward and not to Japan, and the
captain answers that he was going to
Honolulu. The courses in the log do not
show that he ever steered westward or
towards Japan after leaving the Bonin
Islands.

There is some evidence from Daniel
Ball, the cook, that at the time the crew
came aft (July 23d) the captain told them
that when he got to Honolulu he would
see that they had their passage back to
Japan. But Ball shipped on the articles
first mentioned, that is to "Honolulu via
Marianas Islands," and his testimony must
be received with caution as being one of
the crew, his interests identical with the
libellants, and if he wished to go back to
Japan, he might have made common cause
with them.

The testimony of Payne, the mate, is
irreconcilable. He says that after they
left Bonin Islands, two days out, the cap-
tain told the boatswain that he was going
to Japan, and two days after started for
Honolulu; and yet the entries in the log
made by this very witness show that the
schooner was making the best of her way

to Honolulu from the time of leaving the
Bonin Islands, that it was on the third
day from the Bonin Islands that the crew
came aft and demanded to know where
they were going.

We are of the opinion that the libellants
have not shown that they were induced
to sign the shipping articles by fraudulent
representations, and that the shipping ar-
ticles as to the termination of the voyage
have not been rebutted. The decree of the
lower Court is reversed except as to Man-
joro, and with costs to the respondent as
he offered in his answer to provide Manjoro
with a passage to Japan. Decree ac-
cordingly.

ELISHA H. ALLEN,
CHAS. C. HARRIS,
A. FRANCIS JUDG.

Honolulu, April 29, 1874.

Supreme Court—In Banco.

April Term, A. D. 1874.
The King vs. John Asegit, et al.

Appeal from the Circuit Court of the
Third Judicial Circuit. Present, ALLEN,
C. J., HARRIS and JUDG, J. J.
Chief Justice Allen delivered the opin-
ion of the Court as follows:

This is an indictment against the de-
fendant, under the Statute for obstructing
and perverting Justice.

The charge was that the defendant had
illegally rescued cattle from a government
pound with intent to defeat a seizure. A
trial by jury was had at the Circuit Court
of the Third Judicial Circuit, and a ver-
dict of guilty was rendered. It appeared
by the evidence of Mr. Frank Spencer,
that the old pound was at Pauloa, and
that he had put the pound, where it now
is, on his own responsibility.

He further testified, that he had leased
the pound to Ulu, the pound-keeper for
the Heys ranch. "I don't think the
governor knew about the removal of
the pound. It was done on my authority.
I do not know that the governor ever
published the place as the pound, but he re-
cognized it as such, and arranged for re-
pairing the wall."

After the evidence was closed, the
counsel for the defendant requested the
Court to charge the jury that there was
no evidence that the pound had been es-
tablished according to the provisions of
Section 231 of the Civil Code, which are
in these words:

It shall be the duty of the Minister of
the Interior through the several governors,
to construct and set apart a suitable en-
closure, or enclosures, in each district of
their respective Islands for the impound-
ing of strays, and he shall give notice of
their location and extent in some public
newspaper."

The Court refused the instruction as re-
quested, but did instruct the jury to re-
gard the pound in question as a govern-
ment pound, to which ruling the counsel
excepted.

The minister acts through the govern-
ment in establishing pounds, and in this
instance the governor recognized the en-
closure in question as the pound, and com-
plied with the code to this extent, for it is
of no consequence whether he constructs
and sets apart a suitable enclosure in the
first instance, or recognizes and adopts
one already made. It is contended further
that notice should be given of the location
and extent in some public newspaper, as
required by the Statute, and that this pro-
vision is mandatory and not directory, as
maintained by the Attorney General.

Lord Mansfield said that "whether the
Statute was mandatory or not depended
upon whether the thing directed to be
done was the essence of the thing re-
quired."

In the case of *People vs. Schermborn*,
19 Barb., the Court say, "that when a power
to affect property is conferred by Statute
upon those who have no personal inter-
est in it, such power can be exercised
only in the manner and under the circum-
stances specified, the power must be strictly
performed."

Chief Justice Shaw, in a case involving
the legality of a tax under the provisions
of a statute said, "One rule is very plain
and well settled, that all measures which
are intended for the security of the citi-
zen; for securing an equality of taxation,
and to enable any one to know with rea-
sonable certainty, for what real and per-
sonal estate he is taxed, are conditions
precedent, and if they are not observed,
it is not legally taxed, and he may resist
it in any of the modes authorized by law
for contesting the validity of the tax."

When the rights of a party are affected
by a proceeding under statute authority,
the mode of proceeding directed is man-
datory, and must be strictly complied
with, or the proceeding will be utterly
void.

By the Penal Code, a heavy penalty is
imposed on a person who rescues a thing
that is under legal seizure, with intent to
defeat such seizure. In this case the re-
spondent is liable to the penalty, if the
cattle were impounded in an enclosure,
set apart for that purpose, of which due
notice was given in a public newspaper.
The Statute requires that notice shall be
given to the public, but in this case, no
evidence was introduced that it was so
given. The responsibility of rescuing
cattle from a government pound, of which
legal notice has been given, or from the
enclosure or fields of individuals, is very
different. The one is punished by a severe
penalty, and in the other case the party
is mulcted in damages as a trespasser.

Hence the public have a right to be in-
formed, in the mode prescribed by law,
of the establishment of government pounds.
A person might take the responsibility in
the one case, and decline to take it in the
other.

It is a penal law in its consequences,
and should be construed strictly.

This notice is intended for the security
of the subject, both for his liberty and
his property, and while all the authorities
sustain the doctrine, that where one may
be divested of his estate by a proceeding
under statute authority, the mode of pro-
ceeding is mandatory; it is more incumbent
on the Court to enforce the rule when the
liberty of the subject is involved.

Long user might be taken as evidence
that a notice according to the statute had
been given. But in this case, there is evi-
dence that no notice had been given at
the beginning of the user, and there is no
evidence that notice has been given since.

The true intent and object of this pro-
vision of the Statute was that the public
should have notice of the establishment
of the pound, and in this case the public
was not given as prescribed, and as it
was not so given, the exception is sustain-
ed, and a new trial ordered.

The Attorney General for the Crown.
W. C. Jones for the Exceptions.

ELISHA H. ALLEN,
CHAS. C. HARRIS,
A. FRANCIS JUDG.

Honolulu, April 29th, A. D. 1874.

Supreme Court of the Hawaiian Islands—In Probate.

In the matter of the Guardianship of Rosa Bartlett Duncan.

Appeal to the Supreme Court in Banco,
April Term, A. D. 1874.—ALLEN, C. J.,
HARRIS and JUDG, J. J.
Mr. Justice Judd delivered the opinion
of the Court: Daniel P. True was qualified
as Guardian of Rosa Bartlett, a minor, on
the 25th of July, 1859; and received the
sum of \$1,097.45 as his ward's estate.
No accounts were filed by him as re-
quired by the Statute and the terms of his
bond, but on the 10th October 1873, he is
brought into Court on the petition of his
ward who had become of age and had
married.

In this account, thus compelled, the
guardian charges the sum of \$1,830.75
for board of the ward from June 1858, to
July 1870, twelve years, at the rate of \$9
per week, and shows an expenditure of
\$240, for clothing and schooling. It does
not appear that the funds of the estate
were invested, or that the guardian had
made application to the Court to be al-
lowed to use the principal for the main-
tenance of the ward. Both parties ap-
pealed.

S. B. Dole, Esq., for the Guardian. Our
Statutes allow a guardian to use the prin-
cipal of a ward's estate for maintenance.
Commissions should be allowed on the in-
terest charged against him.

L. McNulty, Esq., for the Ward. The
guardian may not break into his ward's
principal without leave of the Court, and
then only on express and necessary cause
shown.

Per Curiam. The Civil Code authorizes
a guardian to pay all just debts due from
the ward out of his personal estate; but
the "debts" mentioned in this section
are not those incurred by the guardian for
maintenance of the ward during the pro-
gress of the trust.

After the debts which were incurred by
the ward before the inception of